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SUBJ: REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN SERVICE

REF: STATE 113210

1. MOST ENCOURAGING TO LEARN THAT INSPECTOR GENERAL'S (IG) REPORT WAS SUPPORTIVE OF OUR EXPORT PROMOTION EFFORTS, AS WE KNEW IT WOULD BE.

2. WILL PREPARE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ASAP BUT PRIOR TO SUBMITTING OUR THOUGHTS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW IF IG RECOMMENDATION BEGIN QUOTE SPECIFICALLY, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE SHOULD CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS FACILITIES OFFICE END QUOTE REFERS TO A SPECIFIC TYPE OF STRUCTURE/ORGANIZATION WITH AN IMPLIED, APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PERSONNEL AND FUNDING. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH TRADE CENTERS, SUCH AS BANGKOK, BUENOS AIRES, MEXICO CITY, ETC.

3. WE HAVE QUOTE COMMERCIAL CENTER END QUOTE BUT THIS IS OUR OWN CONTRIVANCE, SUPPORTED BY POST FUNDS, AS PART OF EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION. WE DO NOT

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KNOW WHETHER USDOC "REIMBURSES" STATE FOR PORTION OF POST FUNDS RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, OUR POST BUDGET RECEIVES FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE (FAS) FUNDS FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH EMBASSY/JIDDA SUPPORTS IN SAUDI ARABIA.

4. ANY INFO WHICH YOU CAN PROVIDE RELATING TO STRUCTURE

AND ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESS FACILITIES OFFICE WILL
BE HELPFUL IN DRAFTING OUR RESPONSE TO REFTEL.

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